



*December 2021*

### **Monday, December 6th Regular Council Meeting**

#### *Presentation of Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan*

- At the December 6th meeting, Council adopted the final Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan presented by Monteith Brown Planning Consultants. This comprehensive plan will guide North Huron in the creation of long-term capital plans and annual budgets for the Recreation and Community Services Department.

#### *Review and Update to the Township of North Huron Flag Protocol Policy*

- Council approved an updated North Huron Flag Protocol Policy. The policy aligns with the best practices of other Huron County municipalities and the Province of Ontario for the flying of additional flags and flags at half-mast.

#### *Animal Control Officer Service Arrangement*

- Council has agreed to participate in a shared animal control service arrangement with other Huron County municipalities. Details of the arrangement are being discussed and finalized by a working group. A draft agreement will be brought forward for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

#### *North Huron 2022 Insurance Renewal*

- North Huron Council awarded the Municipal Insurance Renewal Proposal to AON Reed Stenhouse Inc. for the 2022-2023 term. Council directed staff to send correspondence regarding their concern about the increased cost of insurance to The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and all Ontario Municipalities.

#### *Environmentally Sensitive Procurement*

- Council directed staff to include an enhanced Environmental Procurement clause in an updated Purchasing of Goods, Services and Construction Policy. Sustainable procurement can play a leading role in resource waste reduction, helping the Township better manage its resources and improve efficiency, as well as helping the Township to act responsibly and look after the environment.

#### *North Huron Investment Policy*

- At the December 6th meeting, Council approved an updated Investment Policy. The Policy will establish practices and procedures for investing public funds in a way that will attract a higher return on investment and maintain maximum security.

#### *Lease Agreement for the Turnberry Floodplain Conservation Area (Galbraith Park)*

- North Huron Council entered into a one-year Lease Agreement with the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority for the continued use of Galbraith Park. Council is hopeful that within the next year, an appropriate space will be made available in North Huron for the installation of soccer fields for residents.

## *Blyth Community Betterment Committee—Request to hold a Blyth New Year's Eve Fireworks Display*

- Council received a Special Event request from the Blyth Community Betterment Committee for the New Year's Fireworks Display at the Blyth & District Community Centre grounds/campground. Council authorized for the event to proceed as requested and has waived the fees associated with the event. The New Year's Fireworks Display will be held on Friday, December 31st from 4:30-7:30pm.

## *Agreement with OFSC District 9 Snowmobile Club– Wingham Lands*

- North Huron Council authorized the execution of a Land Use Agreement with Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs District 9 for certain lands located at Riverside Park, Optimist Park and 145 Park Drive, Wingham. The agreement allows for the use of the said lands for valid, insured, permitted and licensed snowmobiles and their riders to engage in snowmobile activities along the trail near and in Wingham.

## *Sign Agreement with Huron Tractor Blyth*

- Council renewed a Sign Agreement with WVRH Holdings Inc. (Huron Tractor Blyth) for the "Welcome to Blyth" sign. This agreement will continue for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2022.

## *Town Hall Accessibility Ramp—Tender Results*

- Council awarded the Town Hall Accessible Ramp Project to Dierk Construction. This project involves upgrading the front entrance doors and installing a ramp to provide access for all residents and visitors to the Town Hall.

## *Consolidated 2022 Salary Grid*

- North Huron Council approved of the 2022 Salary Grid. The new grid updates job titles, recognizes the provincial increase of minimum wage rates and incorporates the annual Cost of Living Allowance adjustment approved by Council.

## *Appointment of a Chief Building Official and Drainage Superintendent*

- Due to the expiration of the shared building services arrangement with the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, Council appointed Gerald Moore of RSM Building Consultants as Chief Building Official and three individuals of RSM Building Consultants as Building Inspectors.
- R.J. Burnside Associates Ltd. was appointed as the Township's Drainage Superintendent effective January 1, 2022. George Guse will be the lead Drainage Superintendent on behalf of R.J. Burnside.

## **Thursday, December 9th Budget Meeting**

### *2022 Draft Budget*

- At their Budget meeting held December 9th, Council received a first draft the 2022 Draft Budget for discussion. The next Budget meeting is scheduled for 9:00am on Thursday, January 13, 2022.

**Monday, December 20th Regular Council Meeting**

*Asset Retirement Obligations*

- North Huron Council received an Asset Retirement Obligations presentation for information. The presentation outlined the potential issue of sudden or ineffectively planned liability expenditures related to the retirement of assets. This liability can be expensive and impose constraints on the Township to deliver services appropriately.

*Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy Amendments*

- Council approved a Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy. In conjunction with best practices in Asset Management, the Township needs to maintain adequate reserves and reserve funds to achieve long-term financial stability and flexibility.

*Debt Management Policy Amendments*

- At the December 20th meeting, Council approved updates to North Huron's Debt Management Policy. The purpose of the policy is to establish objectives, guidelines and appropriate controls for the use and issuance of debt for the Township.

*Agreements with OFSC District 9 Snowmobile Club– Blyth Lands*

- North Huron Council entered into a two-year agreement with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs District 9 for use of parts of the Blyth Greenway Trail. The agreement allows for use of a said portion of the Greenway Trail for valid, insured, permitted and licensed snowmobiles and their riders to engage in snowmobile activities along the trail near and in Blyth. A similar agreement pertaining to the Bell Lot lands will be brought to Council in the new year for approval.

*Appointment of By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officer*

- Council appointed Dan Pinto as a new By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officer. Mr. Pinto brings with him working knowledge of the Provincial Offences. He will provide on-call services to the Township of North Huron on an as-needed basis. This appointment is a result of the resignation of North Huron's former By-law Enforcement Officer.

*Hutton Heights Land Disposition*

- In closed session, Council received and discussed an offer to purchase the surplus lands owned by the Municipality known as "Hutton Heights".

**Additional North Huron Council information, meeting minutes and agendas can be found on the [Township of North Huron website](#).**

**Next Regular Council Meeting to be held in January 2022:**

**Monday, January 17th at 6:00PM in the  
North Huron Town Hall Theatre**